

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

COMPLETE LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-26 : (Canceled)

Claim 27 : (New) A data collection module for a hand-held terminal, comprising:

a) a parallelepiped-shaped support having a planar base and a printed circuit board elevated and generally parallel to the base, the support having a form factor having length, width and height dimensions;

b) a radio frequency (RF) reader supported by the support, and operative for interrogating an RF resonant element associated with a target by transmitting RF energy to the resonant element, and for reading RF data relating to the target from the interrogated element by detecting RF energy transmitted by the resonant element to generate an RF data signal;

c) a magnetic stripe reader supported by the support, including a magnetic sensor recessed into the support and facing an elongated slot having opposite open ends at opposite sides of the terminal, the magnetic stripe reader being operative for sensing magnetically encoded data in a stripe on a card whose length is greater than the length

dimension of the support, and for reading the encoded data as the card is slid lengthwise of the slot through both open ends to generate a magnetically encoded data signal;

d) a single common digitizer on the circuit board and shared by the RF reader and the stripe reader for digitizing the RF and magnetically encoded data signals into RF and magnetically encoded digital signals, respectively;

e) a bar code symbol reader supported by the support, and operative for reading a bar code symbol to generate a digital symbol signal; and

f) a central processing unit on the circuit board, and operative for receiving and processing all the digital signals, and for outputting all the processed signals through a common output interface mounted on the support.